

CLIMBTEK ARTICULATED LADDER/SCAFFOLD

Born Free owners, here is an easy solution for reaching the top of the cabover section and it also makes for easy access to reaching the top 2 feet all around my motorhome for cleaning and waxing those hard to reach upper areas

There is an articulating ladder/scaffod made by Climbtek available in most ACE Hardware stores. This unit can be set up as a scaffold that will reach across the hood of the Ford E-350 or E-450 so that you can stand on it with your feet right up to the windshield wiper area. The unit you want to consider is the Climbtek CT416 and can be seen at the following factory website page set up as a scaffold by clicking on the following underlined link:

Climbtek Scaffold

The model you want is the 4' high CT416 - not the shorter 3' high CT412. It is available at ACE Hardware stores for \$169.99. Refer to the ACE Hardware website page for this product by clicking on the following underlined link:

ACE Hardware Page for Climbtek Scaffold

This is the same unit though called a (84161) Item no: 17364 and shown on this page setup as an extension ladder rather than as a scaffold.

Now you will need two other items to make this work well for working on your Born Free. First you will need a 3/4" plywood or composite board cut approximately 7' long and 12.5" wide to fit between the horizontal rails of the scaffold so that you can stand and walk on it properly. Climbtek makes such an

optional board that you can buy for I believe \$60 but just go to Home Depot or Menards and have them custom make this board for you for probably \$20 or less. A photo of the scaffold board I constructed is shown below.



This board was painted on all 4 sides and bottom with gray paint. The top walking surface of the board was painted with Randolph Wing Walk Compound - recommended to make an effective anti-skid surface. This thick paint like compound is available from Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Company in a quart can for \$15.85. Also, you can generally go out to your local airport and get this stuff from an aircraft mechanic.

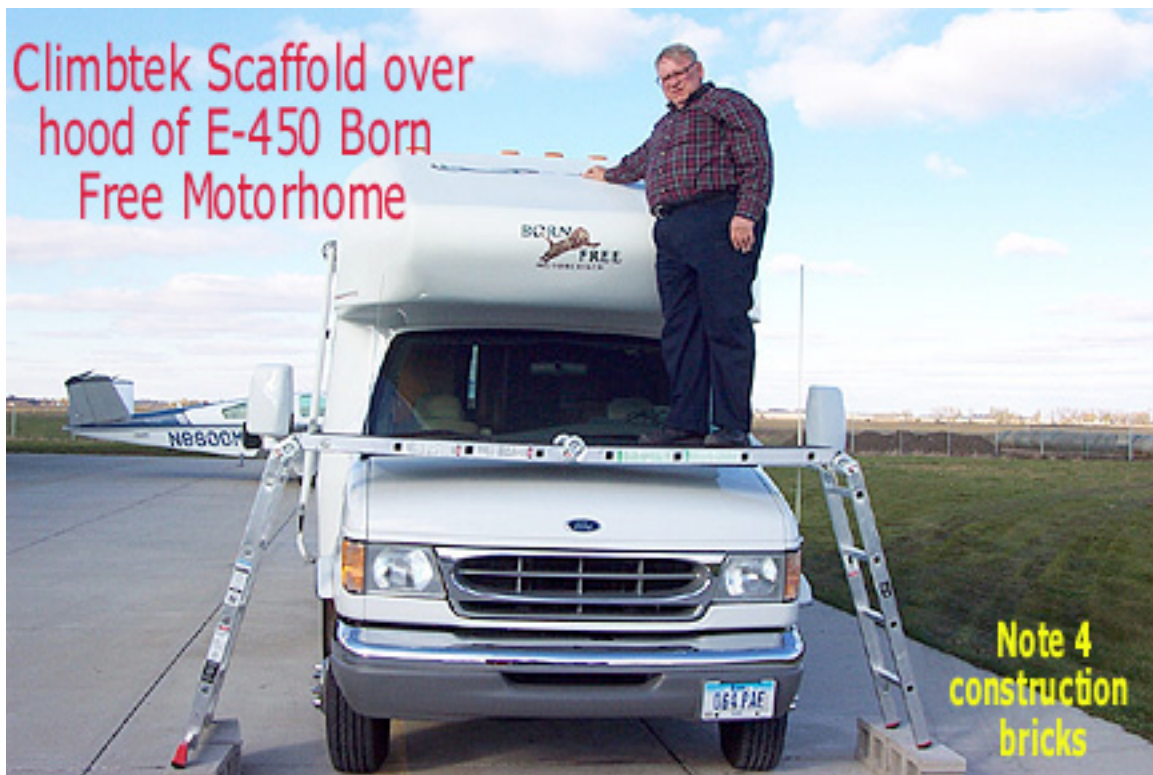
If you want to buy a whole quart, you can purchase it online from Aircraft Spruce by clicking on the following underlined link:

Aircraft Spruce/Randolph Wing Walk Compound URL Link

<https://www.aircraftspruce.com/catalog/cspages/randolphwingwalk.php>

The other thing you will need are quantity four standard 7.5" x 7.5" x 15.5" concrete construction bricks Two to be used at each end of the scaffold to raise the height of the scaffold an additional 7.5" for a total height of 4' 7.5" so that the bottom edge of the upper rails of the scaffold will just clear the hood area of the E-350/450 right up to the windshield wiper area.

The photo below shows the scaffold in position to reach all areas of the cabover section. Please note the 4 construction bricks under both ends of the scaffold.



The photo below shows the scaffold in position on the left side of the Born Free motorhome showing how easy it is to reach the upper areas of the coach body.



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